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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AMED, UR, US
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION

REF: STATE 303308,

1. SCICOUNS, DECEMBER 17, CALLED ON FEDOSEYEV, MFA, AS FOLLOW-UP
TO GARRISON DEMARCHE REGARDING REQUEST FOR BLOOD SAMPLES OF MOSCOW
RESIDENTS. DRAWING ON INFORMATION PROVIDED NOVEMBER 9 WATSON/MATLOCK
LETTER, SCICOUNS POINTED OUT:

- WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING ON
REQUEST
FOR SAMPLES OF ALMOST THREE MONTHS STANDING.

- CONTINUING HIGH BLOOD COUNTS OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE WARRYSOME AND
CONTROL GROUP INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO DETERMINE CAUSE.

- EXCHANGES OF BLOOD SAMPLES BILATERALLY ARE NOT UNUSUAL; WE HAVE AN
AGREEMENT TO TEST 5,000 SOVIET SAMPLES OF BLOOD FOR HAPATITIS UNDER
THE HEALTH AGREEMENT (SEE MOSCOW 17133),

- IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE SOVIET BLOOD SAMPLES SOON, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO
ESTABLISH A CONTROL GROUP OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY WITH US EXCHANGEES IN
THE
MOSCOW AREA,

- WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP THE EXISTENCE OF THIS PROBLEM CON-
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PERSONNEL OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY BECOMES INVOLVED.

2. FEDOSEYEV TOOK NOTE OF THE ABOVE AND PROMISED AN ANSWER
QUICKLY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF
ANY FURTHER DEMARCHES THE DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE ON THIS MATTER

WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY.

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